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Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"Any member who has not paid his share capital is not entitled for membership. Is that not so?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"That refers only to the initial payment towards the share capital. There are also subsequent payments to be made."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"I can also give the hon. the Minister any number of cases where people without paying share capital have been exercising the powers and privileges of members."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"As regards that, I agree with the hon. Member. But as regards the procedure we seem to be at variance."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—"I suppose the model by-laws will make provision for not allowing defaulters to exercise the powers of members."

Education.

Subsidy to the Municipal High School, Tiruvannamalai.

* 81 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has made inquiries regarding the very low subsidy paid to the Municipal High School, Tiruvannamalai, in North Arcot district;

(*b*) whether the subsidy has been enhanced recently;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Council of Tiruvannamalai has applied to Government for a building grant;

(*d*) whether the same has been granted and if so, what sum?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An application has been received from the Municipal Council, Tiruvannamalai, for an increase to the subsidy paid to it for the maintenance of the high school and is under consideration.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

Transfer of Government Elementary schools to local bodies.

* 82 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many elementary schools managed by Government were transferred to local bodies during the last five years;

(*b*) how many elementary schools still remain under Government management;

(*c*) how many 'permanent' teachers were there under Government service in those schools at the time of the transfer to local bodies;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that while under Government they were all on a time-scale of pay;

(*e*) whether necessary funds are provided to meet the time-scale of pay by the local bodies at least for these 'permanent' men;

(*f*) if not, whether Government have made any arrangements with the local bodies to continue the time-scale of pay to these 'permanent' teachers;

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(*g*) whether these 'permanent' men are not to be considered as still under Government service and entitled to all the benefits of that service like the other teachers who still continue under regular Government service;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that permanent teachers under the changed management have got several grievances which were duly represented to Government; and

(*i*) whether he will be pleased to inquire into those grievances?

A.—(*a*) One hundred and seventy-six.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to tables (37) and (57) of the supplemental statistics in volume II of the Public Instruction Report.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) The teachers were not on a time-scale of pay at the time of the transfer of the schools.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

(*g*) Under article 804 of the Civil Service Regulations, teachers and other members of the pensionable establishment transferred with the schools to service under local bodies will continue to render service qualifying for pension from the Provincial revenues. In other respects, they are purely servants of the local bodies.

(*h*) & (*i*) The teachers should represent their grievances, if any, to the local body which employs them.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"If the local bodies do not redress the grievances of permanent teachers, is the hon. the Minister prepared to consider their applications?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Will the hon. Member kindly specify which clause he refers to?"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Clauses (*h*) & (*i*) of the question."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is an hypothetical case which I am not prepared to answer."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I say that it is not a hypothetical case? Most of the taluk boards are working at a deficit, and when they were applied to they had to plead poverty."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"If a particular taluk board is labouring under such a disadvantage, and if an application is received, the whole thing will be reviewed and considered."

Constitution and work of the Tamil Lexicon Committee.

* 83 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the constitution of the present Tamil Lexicon Committee and what are the special qualifications of the members for the work the Committee has to do;

(*b*) what is the total grant given for the work and what is the balance they have at present out of the grant;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the last report of the Committee;